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SUBJECT: COMBINED EAGLE/LARK/BLUESKY EXERCISE SCHEDULED
FOR JUNE 3 - 8, 1977

REF: (A) EXERCISE SCHEDULE FOR THIRD QUARTER FY-77

1. TDC HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH DETAILS OF COMBINED EXERCISE SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 3-8. THERE HAS BEEN NO BASIC CHANGE IN PLANNING FOR THIS EXERCISE AS REPORTED IN REFERENCE (A) WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT, DUE TO CHANGES IN AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY IN THE PACIFIC, DATES HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM JUNE 6-10 TO JUNE 3-8. IN SPITE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR REDUCING THE NUMBER OF COMBINED EXERCISES FROM FOUR TO TWO PER YEAR, TDC HAS RECEIVED NO ORDERS CANCELLING THIS EXERCISE AND PLANNING IS PROCEEDING AS USUAL. TDC'S QUOTE CRITICAL CANCELLATION DATE UNQUOTE FOR THIS EXERCISE IS MAY 15.

2. ON THE U.S. SIDE, PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR PARTICIPATION BY APPROXIMATELY FOUR T-33 TRAINER AIRCRAFT, 20 F-4 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, ONE C-130 TRANSPORT, FOUR EA-6 ELECTRONIC COUNTER-MEASURES AIRCRAFT, AND NO MORE THAN THIRTY A-7 ATTACK AND F-4 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT BASED ON THE CARRIER USS CORAL SEA.

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3. ON THE ROC SIDE THERE WILL PROBABLY BE THREE DESTROYERS AND TWENTY AIRCRAFT (F5E'S, F-00'S, F104', AND T33JS) PARTICIPATING. UNITS OF THE ROC'S AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY COMMAND AND COASTAL RADARS WILL ALSO BE UTILIZED.

4. TDC HAS ASSURED US THAT NEITHER THE DURATION OF THIS EXERCISE NOR THE NUMBER OF SORTIES FLOWN WILL EXCEED PAST

PRECEDENTS. ALL ACTIVITY WILL BE EAST OF THE NO-FLY LINE,
WHICH IS MORE THAN 50 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE COAST OF THE
PRC. TDC PAO WILL RESPOND TO ANY PRESS QUERIES WITH STANDING
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